



End-of-term review of the New Zealand Government's response to climate change: A public health perspective

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Abstract:

Near the end of each electoral term seems an appropriate time to review the New Zealand Government's response to major threats to health. Climate change is a very serious problem and is an important threat to international health as well as health in New Zealand (NZ). Actions to both mitigate climate change and to start to adapt to a more disrupted future climate are becoming critical. Such measures can be conceptualised as forms of "catastrophe insurance". We therefore searched government websites (as per other work), and examined media releases by the "Minister for Climate Change Issues" covering the January 2009 to mid-October 2011 period. An analysis of particularly significant new responses and progress in what we consider are the top five domains for action, is shown.

Source:

<http://www.nzma.org.nz/journal/read-the-journal/all-issues/2010-2019/2011/vol-124-no-1345/letter-wilson>

Resource Description

Exposure : ☒

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Unspecified Exposure

Geographic Feature: ☒

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location: ☒

resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

Non-United States: Australasia

Health Co-Benefit/Co-Harm (Adaption/Mitigation): ☒

specification of beneficial or harmful impacts to health resulting from efforts to reduce or cope with greenhouse gases

Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal

A focus of content

Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

General Health Impact

Intervention:

strategy to prepare for or reduce the impact of climate change on health

A focus of content

Mitigation/Adaptation:

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation, Mitigation

Resource Type:

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion, Review

Timescale:

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified